

A Service of Thanksgiving and Celebration
for the Life of



*Margaret Anne
Partridge
(nee Burkinshaw)*

2 May 1934 - 28 February 2023

Dearly loved daughter of
Carl and Annie Burkinshaw (both dec'd).

Loved sister of
Edmund Burkinshaw and Gwenneth Wood (both dec'd).

Dearly loved wife for 67 years of Brian.

Beloved mother and mother-in-law of
Anne and Jeff Matthews (Cooma)
Roslyn and Kim Navin (Wagga)
Jayne and Stan King (Wagga)
and Susan and Michael Truscott (Wagga).

Adored Grandma of
David McDonald and Selena Kearney (Canberra)
Susan and Ben Lewis (Canberra)
Jeffrey and Jessica Navin (Brisbane)
Sarah Navin (Sydney)
Vanessa and Glen McGrath (Tumbarumba)
Samuel and Jenna King (Wagga)
Amelia and James Roberts (Wagga)
Katherine Truscott and Jordan Crichton (Newcastle)
and Matthew Truscott (Wagga).

Loving Great Grandmother of
Ashley Lewis
Sabrina Navin
Victoria, Audrey, Thomas and George McGrath
Jude, Stella and Penelope King
Edward Roberts
and Isabella Crichton.

**MUSIC BY
PILGRIM UNITING CHURCH MEMBERS**

Keyboard by Jan Batt
Vocals by Ruth Kerr and Rob Fraser

MINISTER
Rev Yvonne Ghalavas
Uniting Church of Australia

WORDS OF GATHERING
Rev Yvonne Ghalavas

LIFE SYMBOLS
Placed by Margaret's Grandchildren

Susan Lewis

Childhood and Marriage

Photos of Margaret when she was 18 months old
and on her wedding day 5 November 1955.

David McDonald

Travel

Mementoes symbolising Margaret's world travels and caravanning
trips around Australia.

Sarah Navin

Artist

Examples of Margaret's own artworks, painting brought her great pleasure.

Vanessa McGrath

Beautiful things

Crocheted blanket in Margaret's favourite colours, handmade by Vanessa.

Samuel King

Sport

Sydney Swans scarf and signed Australian cricket team cap.

Amelia Roberts

Magpies

Warbling magpie soft toy gifted to Margaret by her great-grandchildren that she held close to her in palliative care.

This bird represents the magpies of Lakeside Drive whom Margaret called for company and to share a jam-drop biscuit.

Katherine Truscott

Business

The final Wagga Daily Advertiser newspaper delivered to Margaret's home on Saturday 4 March 2023. The newspaper symbolizes Margaret's working partnership with Brian in the three family businesses, Partridge's newsagencies. Family photo depicting the six members of the Partridge family who were the weekend staff in the newsagencies.

Matthew Truscott

Family

Photos of Margaret with her brother Edmund, sister Gwen and her nine grandchildren and eleven great-grandchildren.

HYMN

"All Things Bright and Beautiful"

All things bright and beautiful, all creatures great and small
All things wise and wonderful, 'Twas God that made them all

Each little flower that opens, each little bird that sings
He made their glowing colors and made their tiny wings

All things bright and beautiful, all creatures great and small
All things wise and wonderful, 'Twas God that made them all

The purple headed mountains, the rivers running by
The sunset and the morning that brightens up the sky

All things bright and beautiful, all creatures great and small
All things wise and wonderful, 'Twas God that made them all

The cold wind in the winter, the pleasant summer sun
The ripe fruits in the garden, He made them every one

All things bright and beautiful, all creatures great and small
All things wise and wonderful, 'Twas God that made them all

He gave us eyes to see them and lips that we might tell
How great is the Almighty, who has made all things well

All things bright and beautiful, all creatures great and small
All things wise and wonderful, 'Twas God that made them all

PRAYERS OF PRAISE AND CONFESSION

Rev Yvonne Ghavalas

HYMN

"Come As You Are"

Come as you are, that's how I want you.

Come as you are, feel quite at home.

Close to my heart, loved and forgiven;

come as you are, why stand alone?

No need to fear, love sets no limits.

No need to fear, love never ends.

Don't run away shamed and disheartened.

Rest in my love, trust me again.

I came to call sinners, not just the virtuous.

I came to bring peace, not to condemn.

Each time you fail to live by my promise,

why do you think I'd love you the less?

Come as you are, that's how I love you.

Come as you are, trust me again.

Nothing can change the love that I bear you.

All will be well, just come as you are.

TIME OF REMEMBRANCE

POEM

"**Afterglow**"

Read by David McDonald

I'd like the memory of me
to be a happy one.
I'd like to leave an afterglow
of smiles when life is done.

I'd like to leave an echo
whispering softly down the ways,
Of happy times and laughing times
and bright and sunny days.

I'd like the tears of those who grieve,
to dry before the sun;
Of happy memories that I leave
when my life is done.

EULOGY

Read by Margaret's daughters
Susan Truscott, Roslyn Navin and Jayne King

POEM

"Grandmother"

Read by Vanessa McGrath

From the very first moment you smiled upon us,
You gave all that you had - unconditionally.
You taught us of kindness, and patience and love,
And we formed a closeness God blessed from above.

Then the seasons passed quickly, and as we grew,
Each year just increased our devotion to you.
And we learned among other things, from your caress,
That the world is much sweeter with tenderness.

That every young heart should have someone like you,
Who helps them believe dreams can really come true.
Someone who always remains by their side,
Whose faith in them fosters a strong sense of pride.

One sweet, special someone, "Grandma" by name,
Whose love helped ignite a perpetual flame.
That added warmth and beauty in so many ways,
A light that will keep guiding us through all of our days.

PHOTO TRIBUTE

"**Morningtown Ride**" by The Seekers

"**Close to You**" by the Carpenters

SCRIPTURE READING

Proverbs 31:1, 10-31

Read by Sarah Navin

Who shall find a valiant woman?

Who shall find a woman of strength?

A pearl of great price is she.

Her friends all have confidence in her and
benefit from her wisdom.

She initiates good, not evil, every day of her life.

She opens her heart to the needy,
she is generous with the poor,
yet she does not neglect her family's
needs nor priorities of her own.

She is known for her dignity and strength
and laughs at the day to come.

She often speaks with wisdom,
and she acts in a kindly way.

Those who are often close to her praise her,
her family and associates and friends.

"Many women succeed or do outstanding things,
but you surpassed them all!"

Charm is superficial, and the beauty fades,
but the woman who is wise is the one to be praised.

REFLECTION

Rev Yvonne Ghavalas

PRAYERS FOR FAMILY AND FRIENDS

Rev Yvonne Ghavalas

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name;
thy kingdom come;
thy will be done;
on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread.

And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.

And lead us not into temptation;
but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom,
the power and the glory,
for ever and ever.

Amen.

HYMN
"To God by the Glory"

To God be the glory, great things he has done!
So loved he the world that he gave us his Son,
 who yielded his life an atonement for sin,
and opened the life-gate that we may go in.

(Refrain) Praise the Lord, praise the Lord,
 let the earth hear his voice!
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord,
 let the people rejoice!

O come to the Father thru' Jesus the Son,
and give him the glory, great things he has done!

O perfect redemption, the purchase of blood!
 To ev'ry believer the promise of God;
 the vilest offender who truly believes,
that moment from Jesus forgiveness receives.

(Refrain)

Great things he has taught us, great things he has done,
and great our rejoicing through Jesus the Son;
 but purer and higher and greater will be
our wonder, our transport, when Jesus we see.

(Refrain)

COMMENDATION

BENEDICTION

RECESSIONAL SONG
"Somewhere Over the Rainbow"

By Israel Kamakawiwo ʻole

PALLBEARERS

Michael Truscott
David McDonald
Samuel King
Matthew Truscott
Glen McGrath
and James Roberts.

***"As you begin your last great journey, may
flights of angels sing thee to thy rest."***

Following the service in the Chapel, Margaret's family invite you join them at the Alan Harris McDonald Function Room for light refreshments and to share the many wonderful memories you all have of Margaret.



**The funeral cortege will proceed to the
Wagga Wagga Lawn Cemetery
Section 8 - Row D 62
for the graveside committal
commencing at 12:15pm.
Family and friends are respectfully
invited to attend.**

POEM

"As Long as We Can Dream"

Read by Samuel King

As long as we can dream, as long as we can think
As long as we have memory,
We will love you.

As long as we have eyes to see and
ears to hear and lips to speak,
We will love you.

As long as we have a heart to feel,
a soul stirring within us,
And imagination to hold you,
We will love you.

As long as there is time,
as long as there is love and
As long as we have breath to speak your name
We will love you.

READING

Psalm 121

Read by Rev Yvonne Ghavalas

I lift up my eyes to the mountains—
where does my help come from?
My help comes from the Lord,
the Maker of heaven and earth.
He will not let your foot slip—
he who watches over you will not slumber;
indeed, he who watches over Israel
will neither slumber nor sleep.
The Lord watches over you—
the Lord is your shade at your right hand;
the sun will not harm you by day,
nor the moon by night.
The Lord will keep you from all harm—
he will watch over your life;
the Lord will watch over your coming and going
both now and forevermore.

BENEDICTION

Irish Blessing

May the road rise to meet you,
May the wind be always at your back.
May the sun shine warm upon your face,
The rains fall soft upon your fields.
And until we meet again,
May God hold you in the palm of his hand.



It is with love and gratitude that Margaret's family thank you for your kindness and expressions of sympathy at a time when it is needed and deeply appreciated.



ALAN HARRIS MCDONALD
EST. 1928

Alan Harris McDonald Chapel
Friday, 10 March 2023

